

**ELK TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sammons at 7:00PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read.
The Salute to the Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Mrs. Nicholson (via teleconference), Mr. Poisker, Mr. Rambo, Mayor Sammons, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk, Lt. Gonnelli and Det. Pierson. Mr. Hollywood was absent.

Approval of minutes of April 1, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Rambo to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2021 Regular Meeting, all were in favor motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Gonnelli gave the report for the police department for the month of March. The department received 1484 calls for service, issued 177 motor vehicle summons, responded to 8 motor vehicle crashes with 1 injury. There has been an increase in reports of shop lifting; additional foot patrols resulted in the apprehension of a shop lifting in progress.

Gloucester County Prosecutor, Christine Hoffman met with the Mayor, Mr. Rambo and members of the department. She want to personally thank Det. Pierson for his diligence regarding the involvement in the apprehension of a homicide suspect. The job that Det. Pierson was instrumental in the apprehension.

Committee thank and commended Det. Pierson for the great job.

Operation Take Back (prescription medicines) will be held on April 24th from 10am to 2pm. There is a drop box in the municipal building that can be used during business hours year round.

PUBLIC PORTION on Agenda Items only.

Motion by Mr. Poisker to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions on agenda items to speak at this time.

No one spoke.

Motion by Mr. Poisker to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

O – 6 – 2021 – Amending Chapter 84 Entitled “Solid Waste” of the Code of the Township of Elk

TITLE ONLY

This ordinance will allow for the lease of a second trash tote. Mr. Rambo asked if residents can use a similar tote that they had previously purchased instead of leasing a second tote. Logan Township will be contacted to see if this is allowable. It was also mentioned if they are allowed, Elk or Logan Townships will not be responsible for any damage to the tote, so residents will be utilizing them at their own risk.

This will not change the limit of 2 cans per household.

Motion by Mr. Rambo to approve Ordinance O-6-2021, seconded by Mr. Poisker, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

O – 7 – 2021 – Amending Chapter 97 Entitled “Snow Removal and Placement” of the Code of the Township of Elk - **TITLE ONLY**

Motion by Mr. Poisker to approve Ordinance O-7-2021, seconded by Mr. Rambo, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

R-58-2021 – Approving Acquisition of Farmland Preservation Development Easements on Land – Block 42 Lots 3, 4 & 5 – Ethel E. Gardiner Living Trust

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-60-2021 – TO Award Contract For One 2021 Ford Utility K8A AWD Police Vehicle for the Township Of Elk to Gentilini Ford, 555 John S. Penn Blvd, Woodbine, NJ 08270 Pursuant To The Cranford CO OP Number 47-CPCPS

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-61-2021 – Accepting the Resignation of Anna Foley

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-62-2021 – Accepting the Retirement of Debra Trifiletti

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

TOPIC:

Lt. Gonnelli, gave a presentation on the current structure of the police department and a new structure he feels would be in the best interest of the township and police department.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, was not present.

PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION R-26-2020
THERE IS A TIME LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION

Mrs. Nicholson announced that the Environmental Commission will be handing out tree saplings on May 1st for Arbor Day.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Mr. Poisker to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions or comments or an issue they would like to bring to the township committees attention to speak at this time.

No one spoke at this time.

Motion by Mr. Poisker to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Mr. Rambo to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mr. Poisker, upon roll call motion was carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Mr. Considine alerted Committee to the need for a Capital Ordinance for the purchase of body cameras for the police department. We are purchasing 17 cameras, 1 for each officer including part time. There is grant available, it will depend on how many towns apply as to how much will be received. Towns that already have body cameras are not eligible to apply for the grant.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Poisker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk